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ABSTRACT

Based on the premise that children need to be motivated to learn in school to achieve success, this guide is intended for parents who want to help their children realize the benefits of learning and knowledge. The guide offers effective methods for challenging and supporting children at school and throughout their lives, provide insights into how and why children are motivated or demotivated, and presents "easy-to-apply" learning ideas and practical suggestions supported by specific examples. Chapters in the guide are: (1) Motivation: What Is It?; (2) The Foundation: Building a Close Parent-Child Relationship; (3) The Power of Positive Role-Modeling; (4) Avoiding Pressure, Stress and Burnout; (5) The Power of Positive but Realistic Expectations; (6) Avoiding the Pitfalls of Perfection; (7) Maintaining a Healthy Perspective on Grades; (8) The Power of Patience; (9) Motivation Booster #1: Building on Strengths and Interests; (10) Motivation Booster #2: Developing Language Skills; (11) Motivation Booster #3: Storytelling; (12) Motivation Booster #4: Encouraging a Lively Curiosity; (13) Motivation Booster #5: Awakening the Power of Observation; (14) Motivation Booster #6: Where in the World Is Nairobi? (Encouraging Kids to Love Geography); (15) Overcoming Motivation Buster #1: A Lack of Attention Skills; (16) Overcoming Motivation Buster #2: Absence due to Sickness; (17) Overcoming Motivation Buster #3: School Transfers; and (18) Double-Barreled Help for Single-Parent Kids. Appendixes contain writing boosters and math boosters. (NKA)

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